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Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the most recent Office Action. Applicant is especially grateful for the indication of allowable subject matter. Given that indication, this application is now in condition for allowance as claims 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 have been rewritten in independent form. The amendment to claim 17 making it dependent from claim 16 is believed to not present any new issues as claim 16 has already been indicated as being allowable.

If the Examiner believes that there are any remaining issues regarding this application and would like to discuss them with Applicant's representative, the undersigned can be contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

Applicant believes that additional fees in the amount of \$172.00 are required for two additional independent claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds in the amount of \$172.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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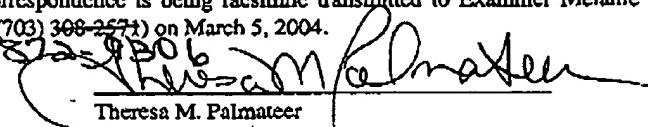
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner Melanie Torres, Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. (703) 308-2571) on March 5, 2004.


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